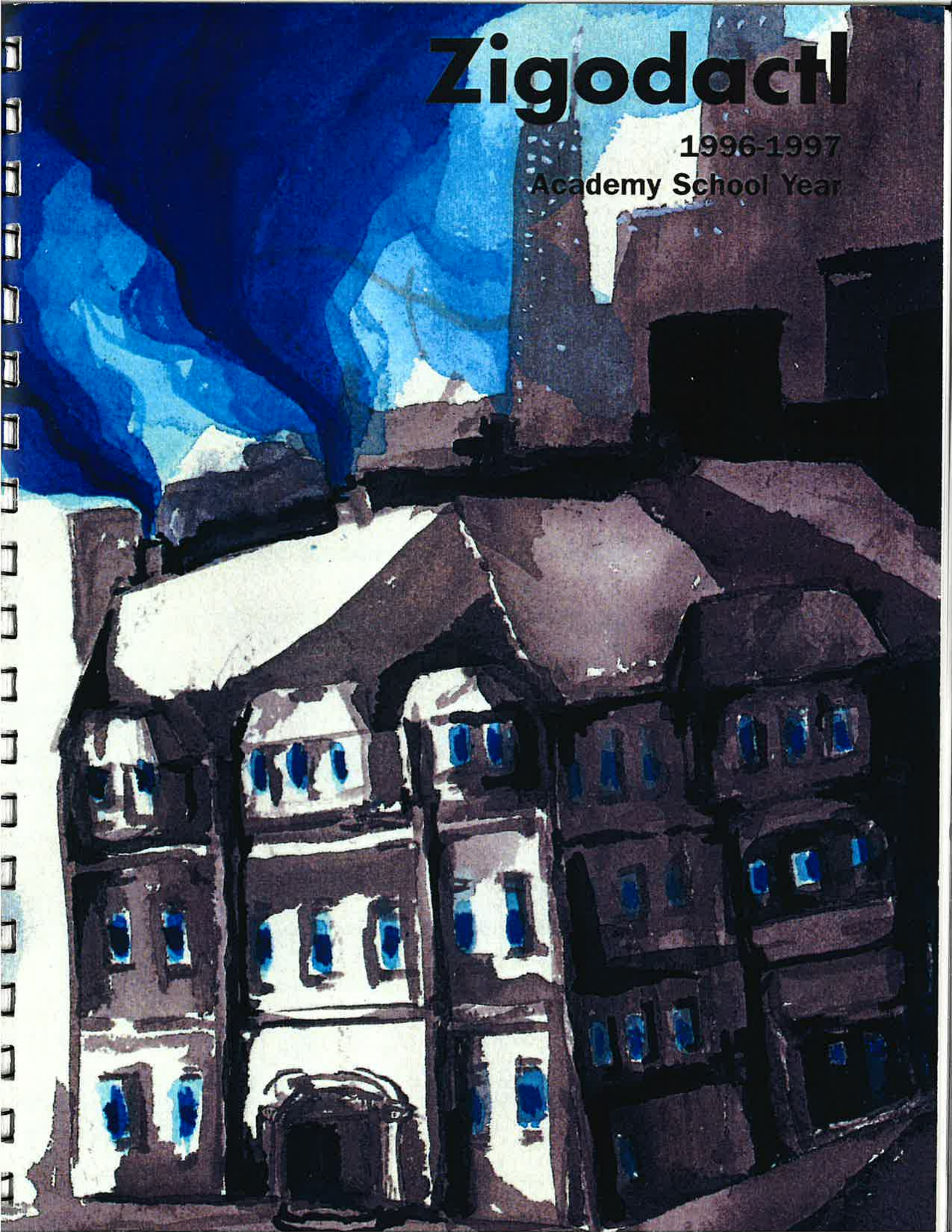


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1996-1997
Academy School Year



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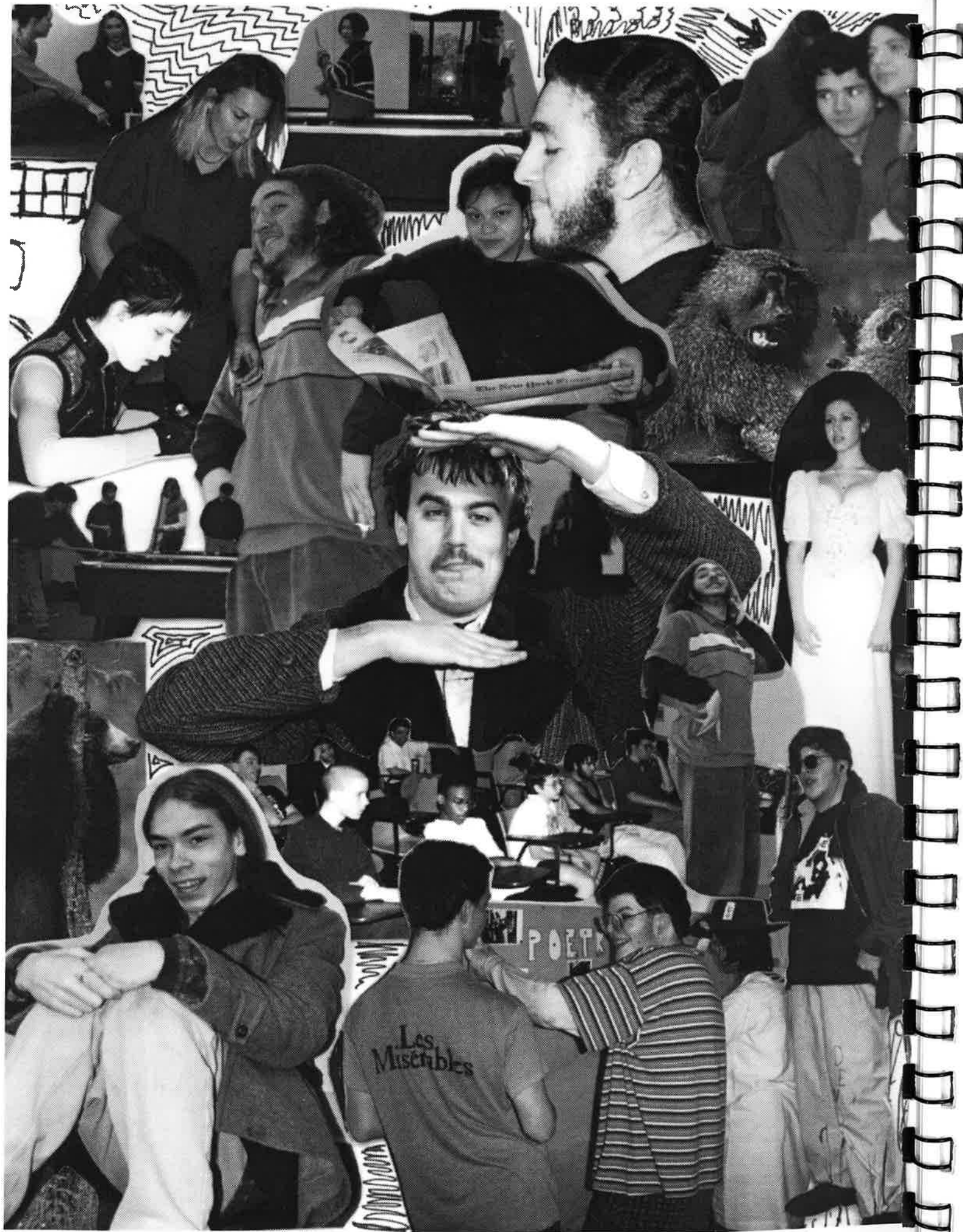
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1996 - 1997 Academy School Year



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1996 - 1997

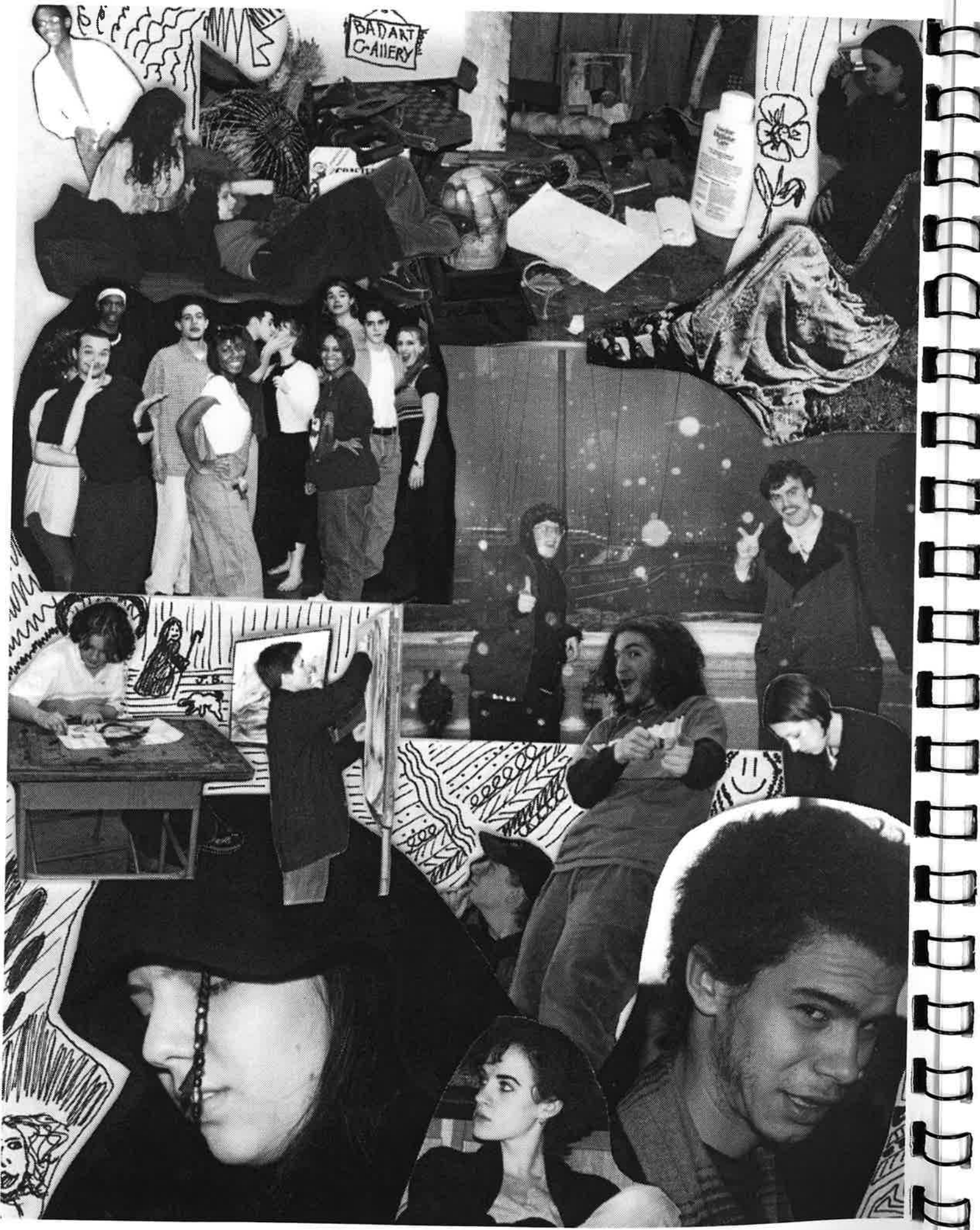


STUDENT ADDRESS



Walking along the lake's edge in the spring sun, the late morning sun, the breeze of a weakening winter, I observed little more than my moving feet. After a few miles I turned back to the city and weaved through the hot, peopled streets. Arriving upon a bench, I sat down for a rest. The tree shadows drew spindly webs on the ground. Pigeons intermingled, bobbing their iridescent heads. The lake wind shifted between respites of bare sun. My coatless arms lay over my stomach, my warmed skin emanating a spicy aroma that anticipated the hot season to come. I slid into reverie: recalling the lawn of Nelson Atkins at dawn before the others awoke, my deviant revelries, as the rain clouds formed over the colossal temple structure, stolen moments of solitude, the lawn so broad, miles long, gradually inclining toward the museum I would run towards its door, bare feet in the dew-moistened grass, in the resonant calm, the vacancy of morning, holding up my skirt so that my legs could run faster. I imagined Italy, Florence, the piazzas, sandaled feet intermingling with pigeons, shadow-webs, dry ruins, olive leaves, the voluptuous fields of grape vines, their gnarled branches twisting in the dry heat, hearing *when we with Sappho*, feeling the dampness of ancient corroding marble. I sat on that city bench engrossed in the dappled sun and the many images that it engendered. I sat without the fear of a calamity overcoming me and the peacefulness of that moment being marred forever in my associations and recollections. I sat without the anxiety of choosing the wrong moment to leave, of whether or not I was hungry, of recognizing the tangible focus of my gaze, of wondering if others were questioning why I had been so still for so long, what was I thinking about, the reason for the expression on my face, why the exposed skin of my sockless ankle was so pale. My fears were elemental. I felt well nourished by that moment of rest. But after some time I began to feel thirsty, so I proceeded to leave. My legs had trouble walking. I stumbled out of my stupor and considered the day's potential. The smell of my skin was still in my nose and the blood in my legs tingled and struggled to circulate. Descending awkwardly back into the bustling streets, I was immediately impressed by the fervor and tumult of the moving people. At once, the heaviness in my head was alleviated. The wind shifted, and I bent my head against its force.

-Jessica Baran



LETTER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Is there life after the Academy?

What if you can take it with you? What if, when you die, there's old St. Peter waiting for you with a clipboard asking you, "So, where's your stuff?"

"Here's the deal," you nervously begin. "I spent my time on earth in pursuit of the arts. I felt that was my greatest contribution to the common good."

St. Peter laughs, kicks open a trap door of a cloud and shouts, "Hey, Lucifer, got another artist for you!"

You become panicked and begin to beg: "But my art! All I have ever been is an artist! I blew my trust fund on cigarettes and mocha lattes."

"You should've invested that money," St. Peter snickers.

"But I devoted my life to art! I even became a teacher of the arts! I once even had a poem published in Reader's Digest!"

"No. No. No. Didn't the 80's teach you anything? Art is dead. Now it's all about Oprah and Dennis Rodman. Flash over substance. Pile up the money and move on. Take no prisoners, that sort of thing."

"So where do I go now?" You ask in a disappointed and confused state.

"All artists go to hell," St. Peter explains. "To pay for your life of angst, despondency and self pity. Not to mention, none of you would be able to afford the housing up here, and we're a completely smoke-free environment."

"But I tried so hard on earth," you whine.

"Effort means nothing," St. Peter quips. "It's not about the process. It's about the end result."

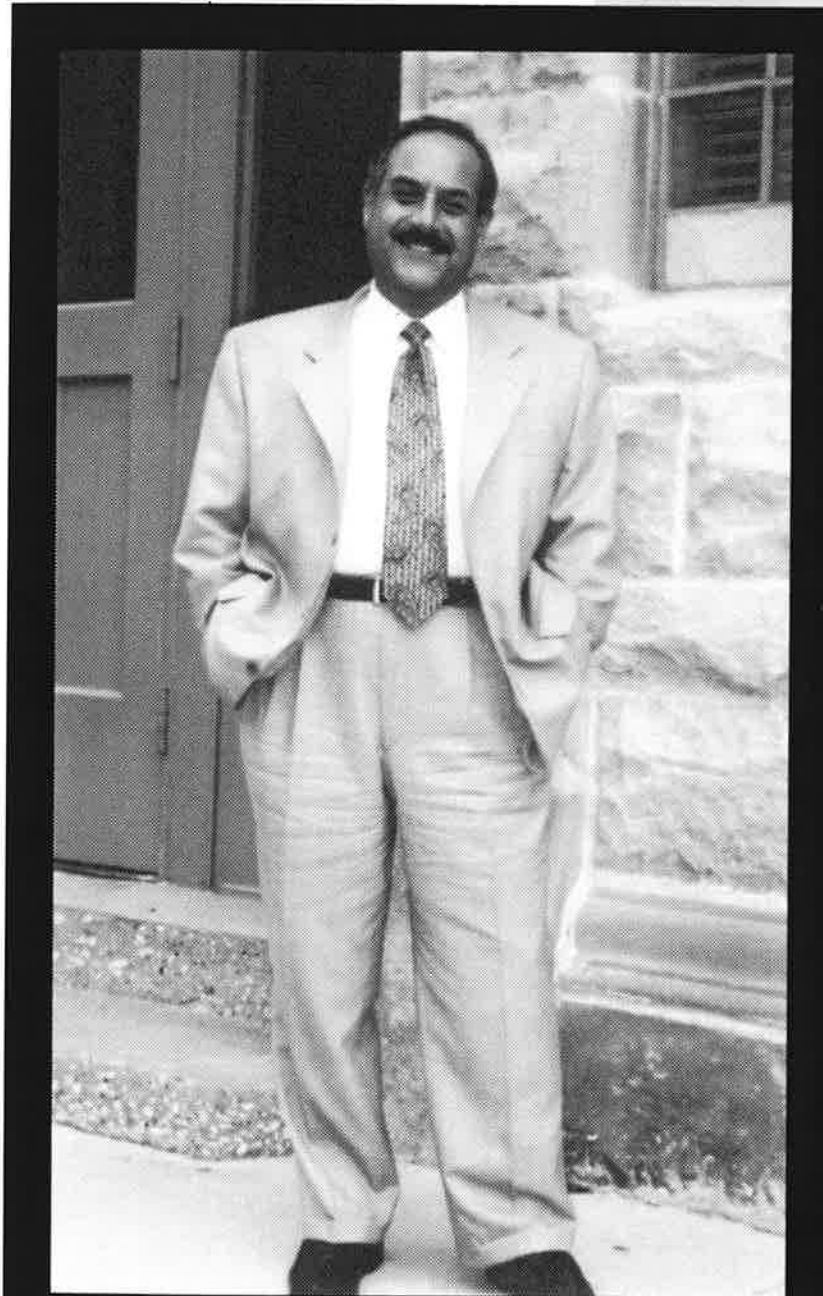
And thus you're sent to hell, knowing that you should've gotten an M.B.A.

Moral: If it's effort that gets you there, than I hope you all go to hell.

- Mr. Peter Gagliano



HEADMASTER



FRANK MUSTARI

The Chicago Academy for the Arts
Headmaster

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION



Janet Adduci
Visual Arts



Lynn Baber
Theatre Chair



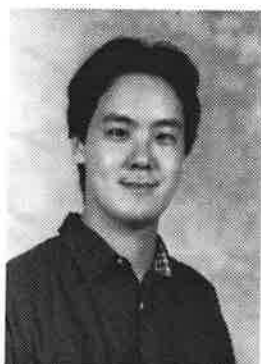
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Theatre



Claire Bataille
Dance



Mary Clare
Musical Theatre



Mike Chen
Music



Marie Cinquemani
Music



Randy Duncan
Dance



Spencer Farmans
W.C./English
Writing Chair



Denise Favela-Apodaca
Music



Elizabeth Fish
Librarian/Computers



Elaine Frietsch
Finances

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Peter Gagliano
W.C./English



Alice Gold
Savior/Administrator



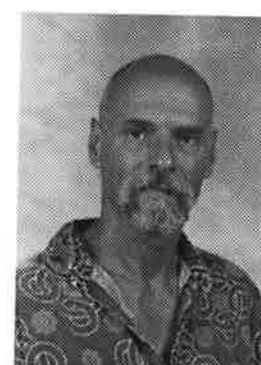
John Harford
Math/French



Trina Ingebrightsen
French



Rodney Irwin
Dance



Peter Johnson
Science



Lindsay Jones
Theatre



Pamela Jordan
Music Chair
Dean of Students



Nancy Kopecky
Math



Patty Kovacs
Director of Admissions



Franette Liebow
Theatre



Tony Mallerdino
Director of
Development

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION



Debra Minghi
Dance



Peggy Nadkarni
Science



Marisa Novak
W.C./English



Anna Paskevaska
Dance Chair



Louis Playford
Music



Timothy Portlock
Visual Arts



Linda Rodgers
Resource Teacher



Glenn Rupert
Visual Arts Chair



Patricia Rusk
Music



Martha Stefaneas
Spanish/Academic
Chair



Stephanie Strait
Director of Summer
Programs



Deborah Tuchler
History

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION



**Marge
Vanderploeg**
Administrative Asst.



Charles Vangilder
Visual Arts

Teachers not pictured:

Gerissa French, Writing Communication

Andy Jones, Music

Bob Padjen, Health

Timothy Rammen, Music

Tracy Watson, Music

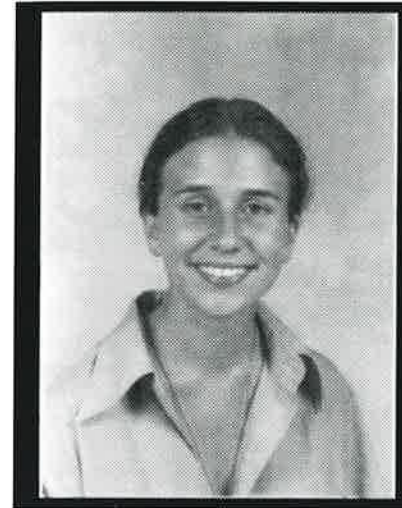
Chris Wilson, Music

SENIOR PREDICTIONS

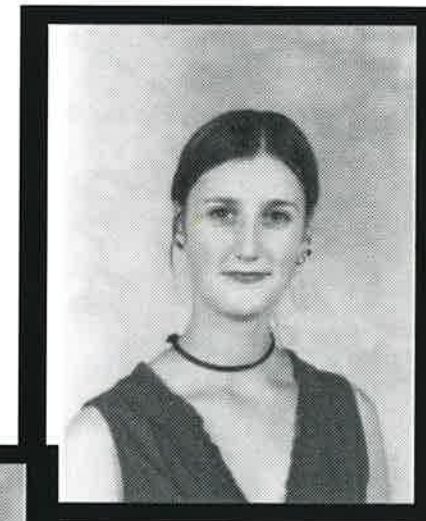
By Leah Borrromeo and Tanya Boutin

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| 1. Most Likely To Succeed: | Jessica Baran |
| 2. Least Likely To Succeed: | Everybody Else |
| 3. Nicest Guy: | John Mason |
| 4. Nicest Girl: | Rebecca Levin |
| 5. Sweet Idiot Award: | Leah Borrromeo |
| 6. Most Likely To Be Wife Beater: | Erika Gonzalez |
| 7. Wannabe Al Pacino: | Alex Reznik |
| 8. Best Attendance: | Robert Steffen |
| 9. Nicest Knees: | Colleen Leonardi |
| 10. Best Dancer: | Justin Breman |
| 11. Most Pretentious: | Ayesha Levy |
| 12. Loudest Vocal Chords: | Purdie Baumann |
| 13. Don Quixote Award: | David Duran |
| 14. Most Aggravating Hippie: | (Tie) Both of them |
| 15. God Complex: | Forrest Solis |
| 16. Most Edible: | Craig Hall |
| 17. Most Annoying (Julie Andrews Scale) | Ted Cox |
| 18. Dada Complex: | Cara Smulevitz |
| 19. Best Dressed: | Amanda Franck |
| 20. Overall Nicest/Neatest Attitude: | Kate Perryman |

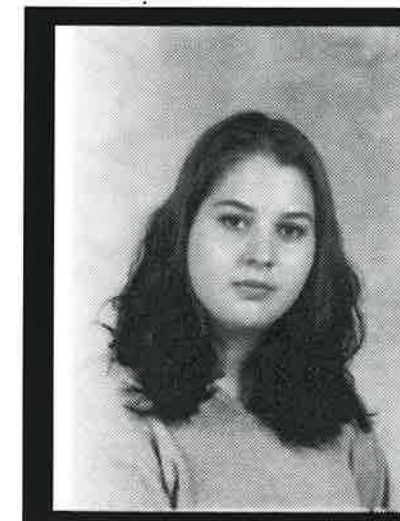
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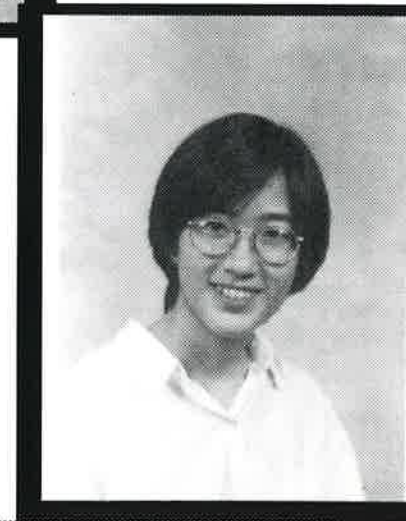
Jessica Baran
Visual Arts
Ten Years From Now: Traveling



Purdie Baumann
Dance
Favorite Film:
Showgirls

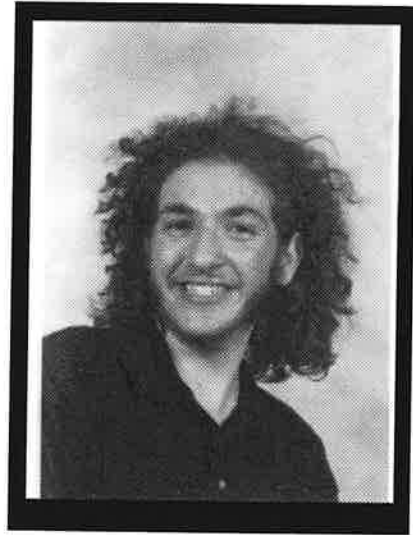


Deborah Bobb
Visual Arts
Favorite Book: *Demian*, Herman Hesse

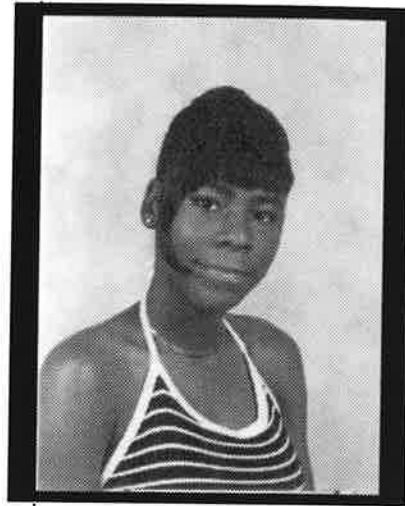


Leah Borrromeo
Writing Communication
Ideal Job: Defense Minister of
Rwanda

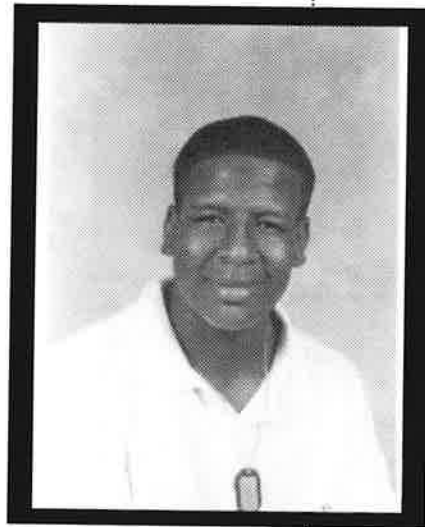
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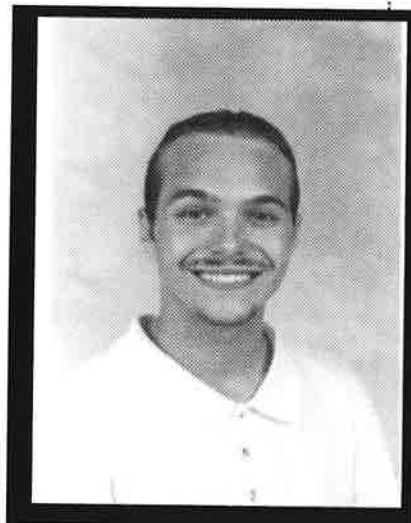
Justin Breman
Theatre
Favorite TV Show:
"The Price Is Right"



Keisha Cameron
Theatre
Favorite Artist: Toni Braxton

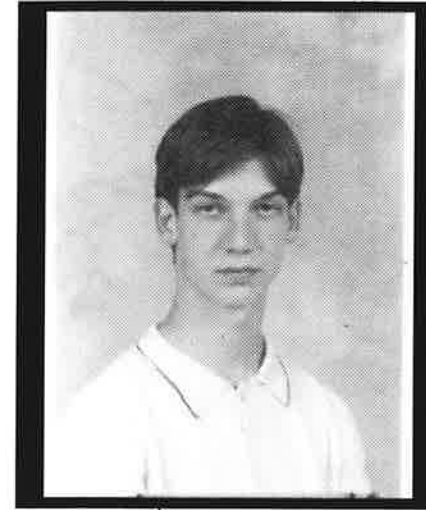


Kenny Carter
Music
Favorite Artist: Stevie Wonder

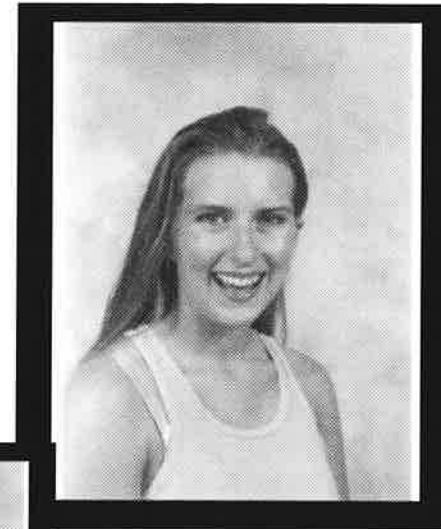


Joseph Chencinski
Theatre
Hobbies: Throwing spit balls at
Angie Garr during chemistry

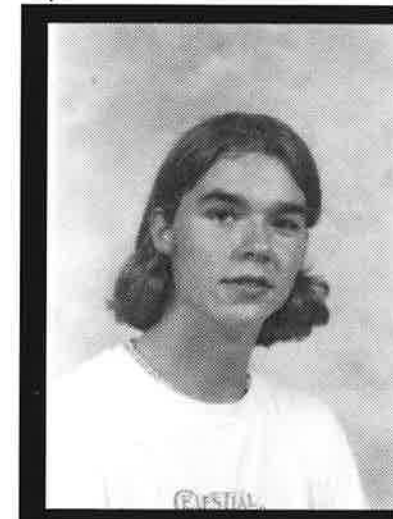
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Ted Cox
Music
In ten years:
The same

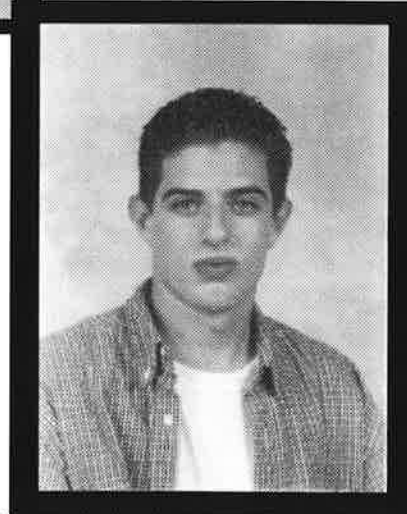


Regina Depke
Musical Theatre
Favorite Film:
Stand By Me

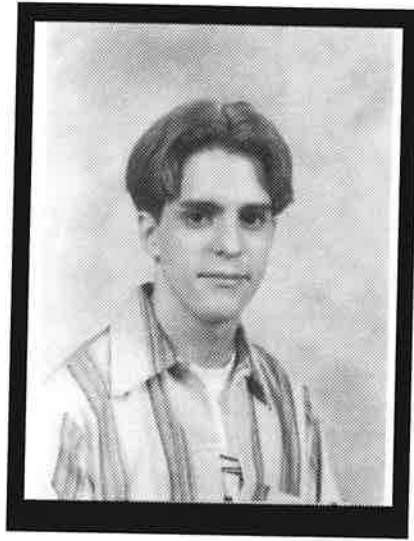


Matt Dittman
Theatre
Favorite TV Show:
"Green Acres"

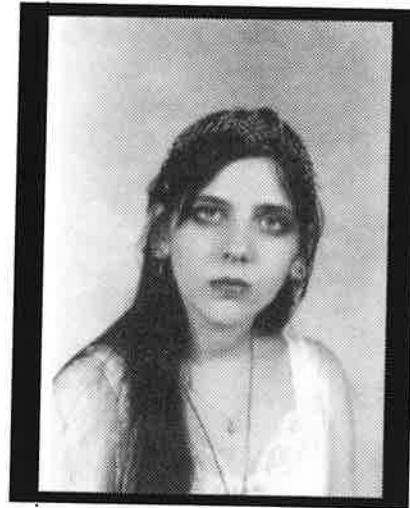
David Duran
Theatre
Favorite Artist: Santana



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Colin Ennis
Musical Theatre
Favorite Artist:
Bernadette Peters



Amanda Franck
Visual Arts
Ideal Job: Opera singer

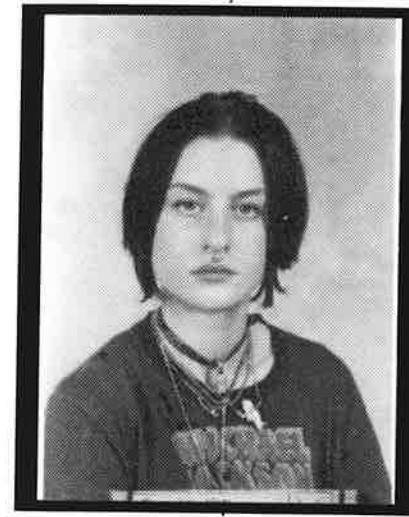


Angie Garr
Theatre
Ideal Location: Jamaica



Erika Gonzalez
Visual Arts
Favorite Film:
Star Wars

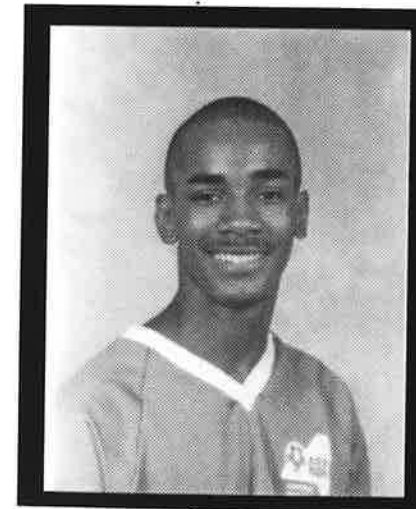
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Catherine Grieves
Visual Arts
Favorite TV Show: "Happy Days"



Carolyn Guill
Visual Arts
Favorite Book: *A Clockwork Orange*



Craig Hall
Dance
Favorite Film: *Stand By Me*

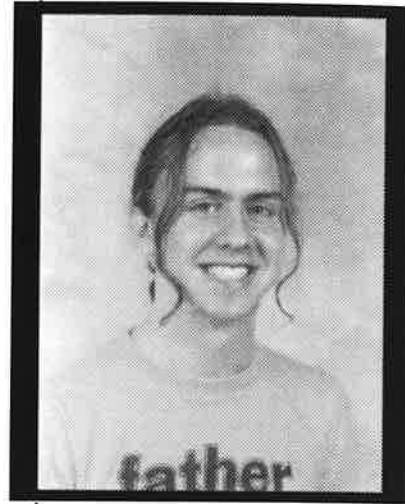


Kate Hintz
Dance
Favorite Film:
Dirty Dancing

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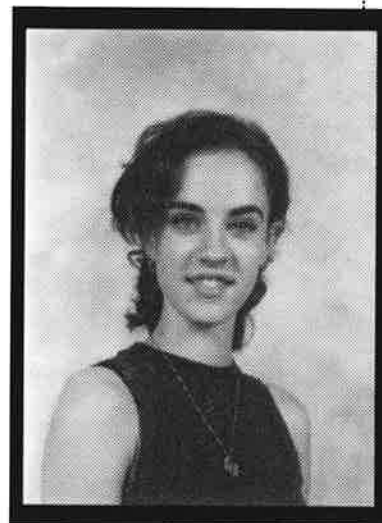
Kitty Izzo
Theatre
Hobbies: Acting,
modeling, seeing Rick



Michael Keeney
Music
Hobbies: Smoking and wood drifting

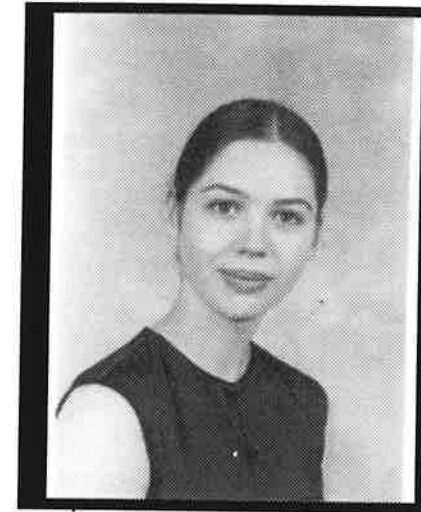


Ono Kesslering
Visual Arts
Ideal Job: Ninja



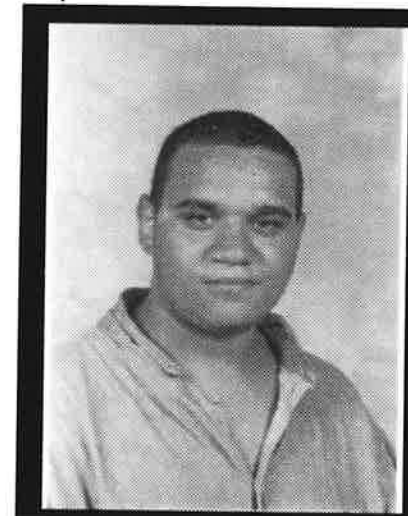
Colleen Leonardi
Dance
In Ten Years:
Happier than I am now

SENIORS



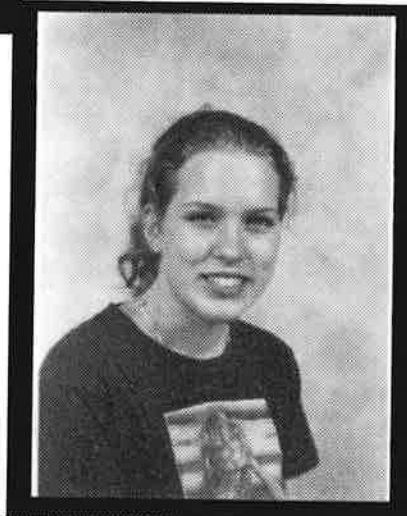
Rebecca Levin
Dance
Ideal Location: Europe

Ayesha Levy
Dance
Ideal Location:
New York



John Mason
Visual Arts
Ideal Job: One bad dude

Julie Matheis
Visual Arts
Favorite Book: *Green Eggs
and Ham*



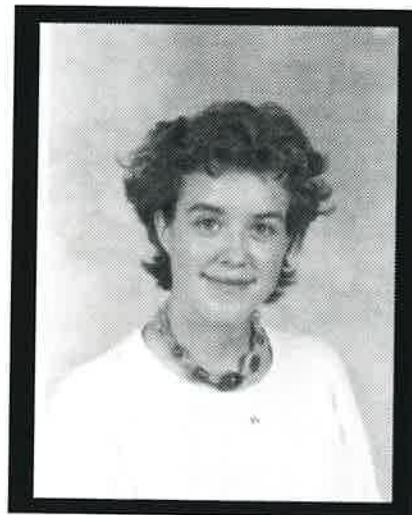
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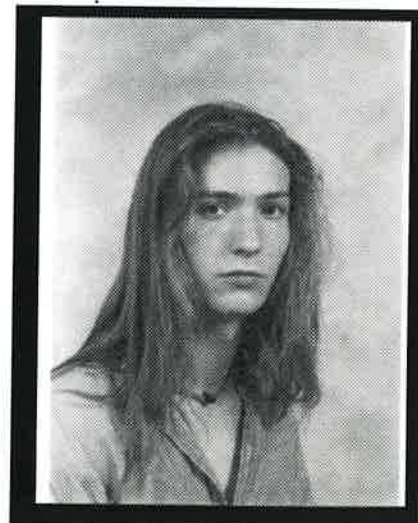
Kathryn Neely
Dance
Favorite Artist:
Sade



Kaycie Newman
Theatre
Ideal Job: Teaching



Kate Perryman
Visual Arts
Favorite Book: *The Stranger*



Paul Robare
Visual Arts
Favorite Artist: The Grateful Dead

SENIORS



Cara Smulevitz
Visual Arts
Favorite Artist: Polly Jean Harvey



Forrest Solis
Visual Arts
Ideal Location:
Spain or Ireland



Lindsay Swan
Visual Arts
Hobbies: Sewing and mountain climbing

Not pictured:

Alex Reznik, Theatre
Chris Antonick, Visual Arts
Aaron Woolridge, Theatre

SHOWCASE



Ms. Jordan and Ms. C.



It's a baby!

Writing Communication
Art Babes

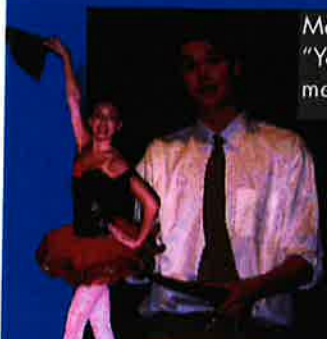


Kate and Craig
Kiss and Tell

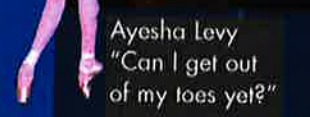


Ken Carter

SHOWCASE



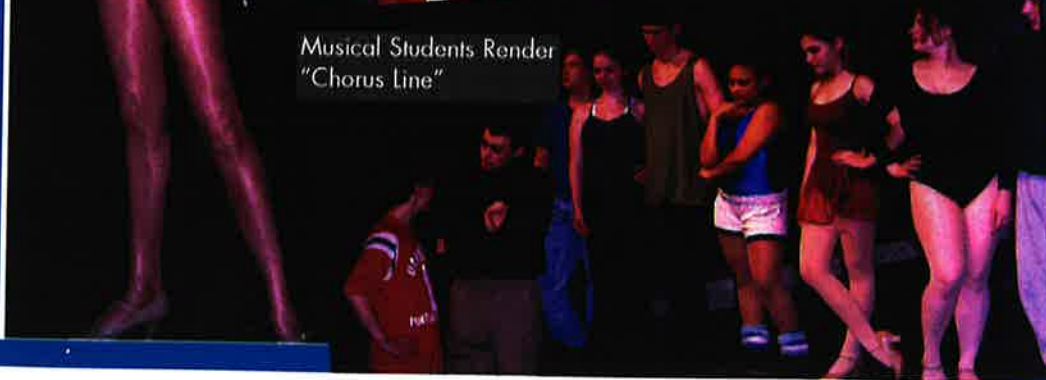
Matt Dittmann
"You talking to me?"



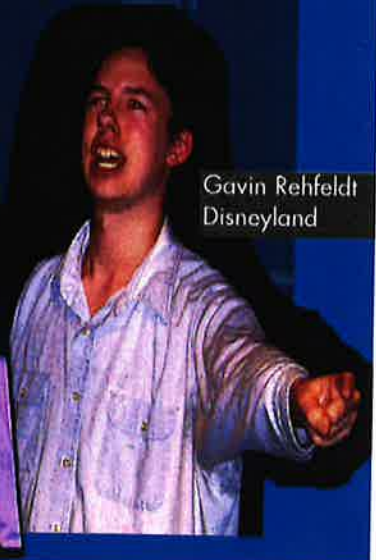
Ayesha Levy
"Can I get out of my toes yet?"



"Three Singular Sensations"



Musical Students Render
"Chorus Line"



Gavin Rehfeldt
Disneyland

JUNIORS



Rachel Alexander
Visual Arts



AliAnn Barnes
Visual Arts



Tanya Boutin
Writing Communications



Tara Bryant
Writing Communications



Alexis Cabrara
Dance



Kaya Chwals
Theatre



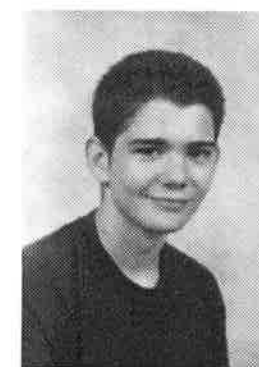
Nick Cronk
Writing Communications



Latasha Day
Music



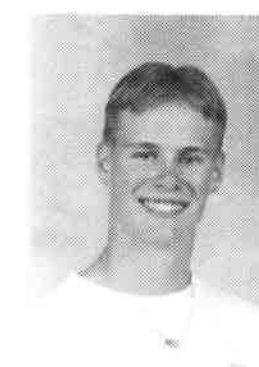
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Dance



William Doring
Writing Communications



Anna Drozdowski
Dance

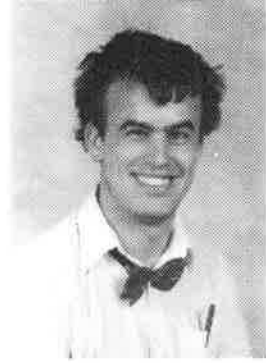


Mat Emden
Musical Theatre

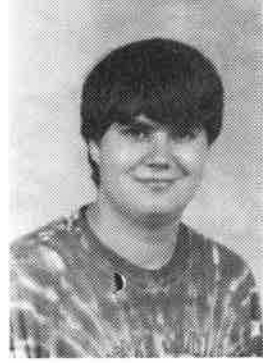
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Amanda Finley
Musical Theatre



James Flaniagan
Writing Communications



Evan Gallerani
Visual Arts



Rachel Garcia
Dance



Courtney Giles
Music



Thomasina Gross
Musical Theatre



Angie Hanes
Theatre



Kelsey Holtz
Visual Arts



Kente Johnson
Writing
Communications



Rachel King
Musical Theatre

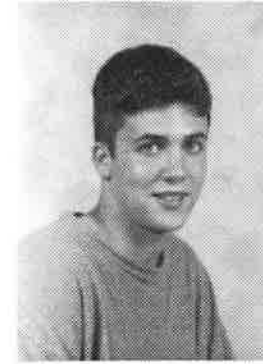


Tracy Kuan
Music



Vanessa Kuhlman
Music

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David Levy
Theatre



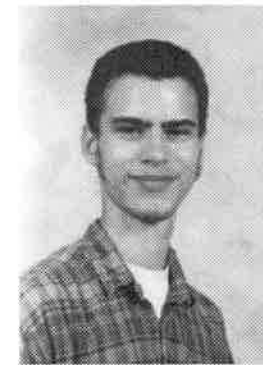
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Music



Michael Mancilla
Visual Arts



Katie McCaughan
Dance



Ian McLaughlin
Visual Arts



Stesha Merle
Theatre



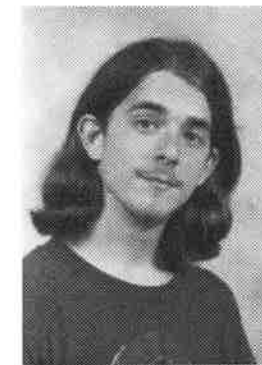
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Musical Theatre



Sandi Morgan
Theatre



Emma Pildes
Visual Arts



Joel Porter
Music

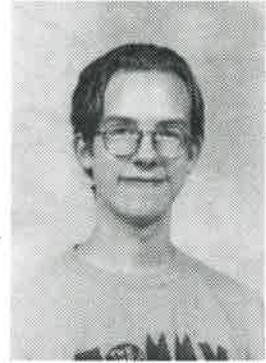


Jamie Ralston
Dance



Katherine Regalado
Writing Communications

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Sami Simkin
Musical Theatre



Chaura Smith
Dance



Thomas Smith
Visual Arts



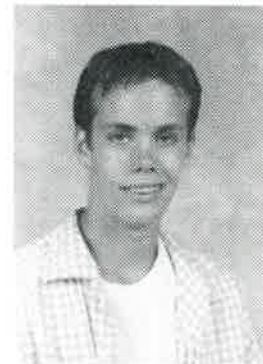
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Musical Theatre



Peter Swimm
Writing Communications



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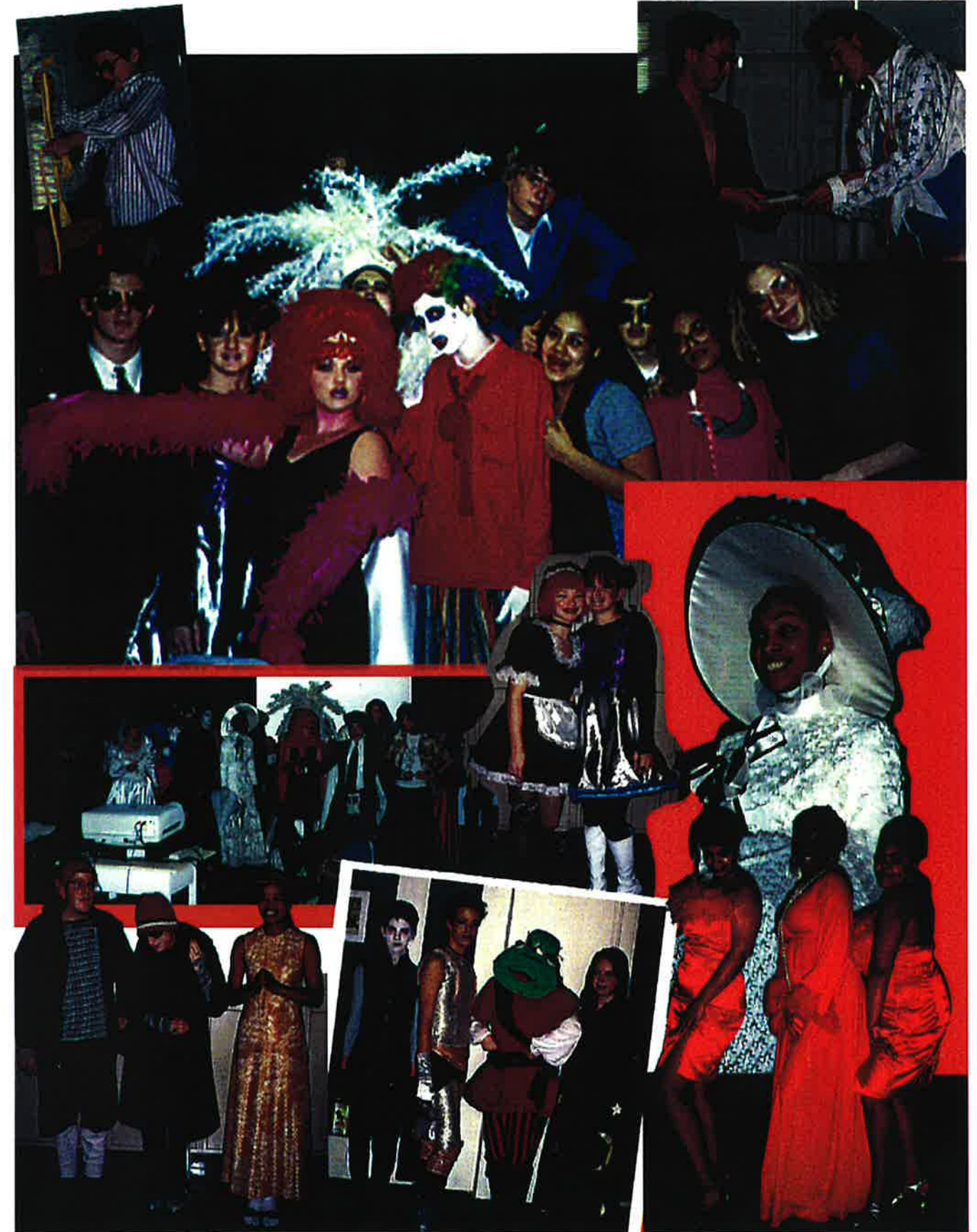


David Wiley
Writing Communications

Not pictured:

- Dan Grant**, Visual Arts
- Sam Reed**, Writing Communications
- Ted Schneider**, Musical Theatre

HALLOWEEN





The world is my oyster

SOPHOMORES



Abra Adduci
Theatre



Tijana Antonic
Visual Arts



Julia Antonick
Dance



Sara Arnold
Music



Joe Atkins
Visual Arts



Rebecca Barnett
Musical Theatre



Ashley Bowers
Musical Theatre



Vashti Brown
Dance



Jessica Brozek
Visual Arts



Amanda Cairo-Sachs
Dance



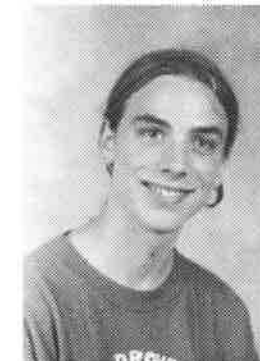
Audrey Callanta
Music



Margaret Connelly
Dance



Michael Consago
Theatre



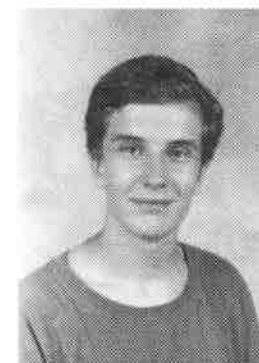
Marco De La Cruz
Musical Theatre



Josie Dvorak
Dance



Rose Gaudio
Dance



Chris Grella
Theatre



Blythe Harris
Writing Communications



Keith Henderson
Music



Edris Hoover
Dance



Leo Ionita
Visual Arts



Kristen Jones
Dance



Ariel Krivo
Writing Communications

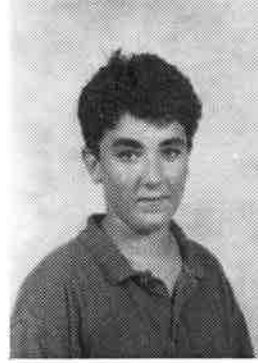


Katherine Lee
Musical Theatre

SOPHOMORES



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Writing Communications



Devin Leonardi
Visual Arts



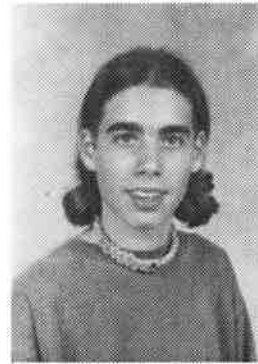
Lauren Mueller
Music



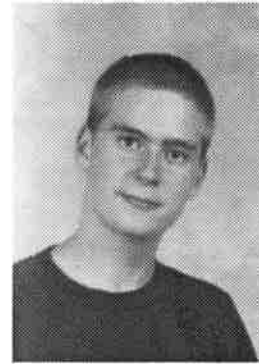
Ricky Perez
Theatre



Erika Scott
Dance



Ben Tinsley
Visual Arts



Andy Toan
Theatre



Ashley Weitman
Dance

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Jerome Frantino, Writing Communications
Lisette Huertas, Theatre



"And with each tuition paid in full, you get a Frank Mustari pin-up calendar...."



"Snap my suspenders again, please."

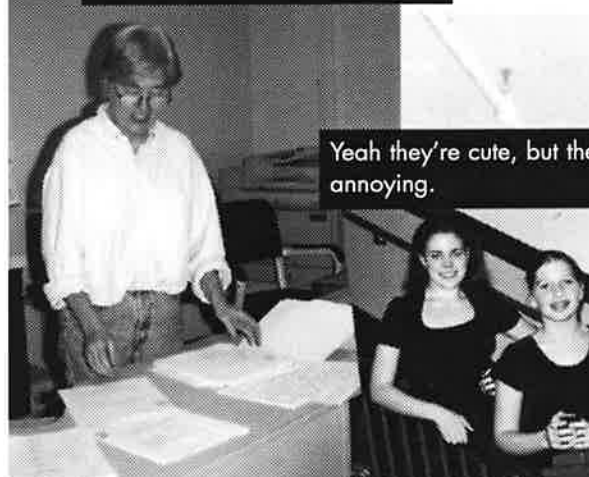


"Pam, I've got to talk with you."



Seniorita:
Most definitely.

Alice Gold: "Am I retired yet?"



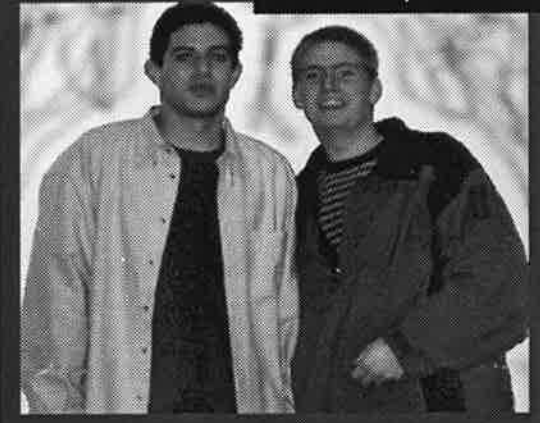
Yeah they're cute, but they're annoying.



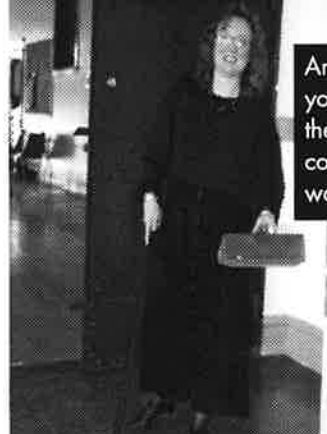
Two babes and Katherine Lee



David Duran and Andy Toan Future Military Cadets



And when you're done there, my car could use a washing.



If I didn't go to class I'd never get any sleep.



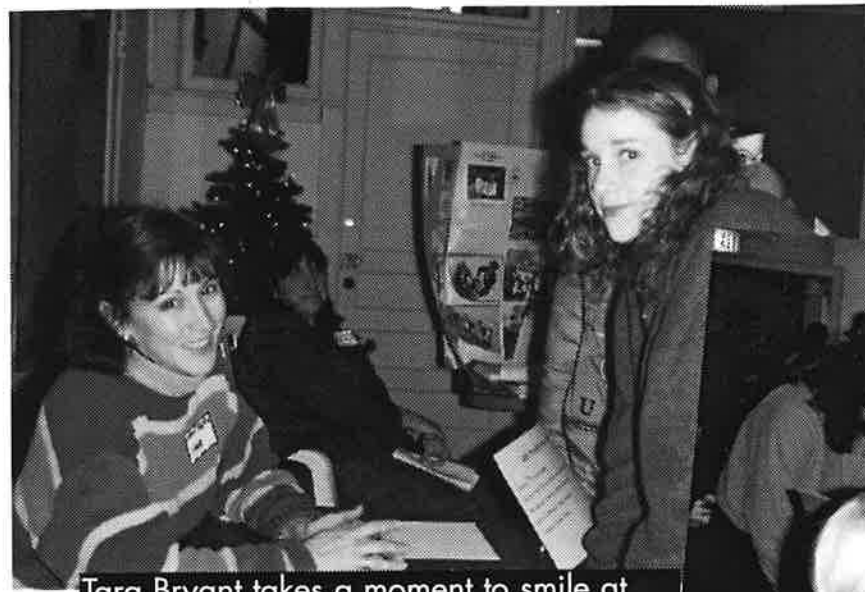
Pete Johnson: People Magazine's 1992 Sexiest Man Alive



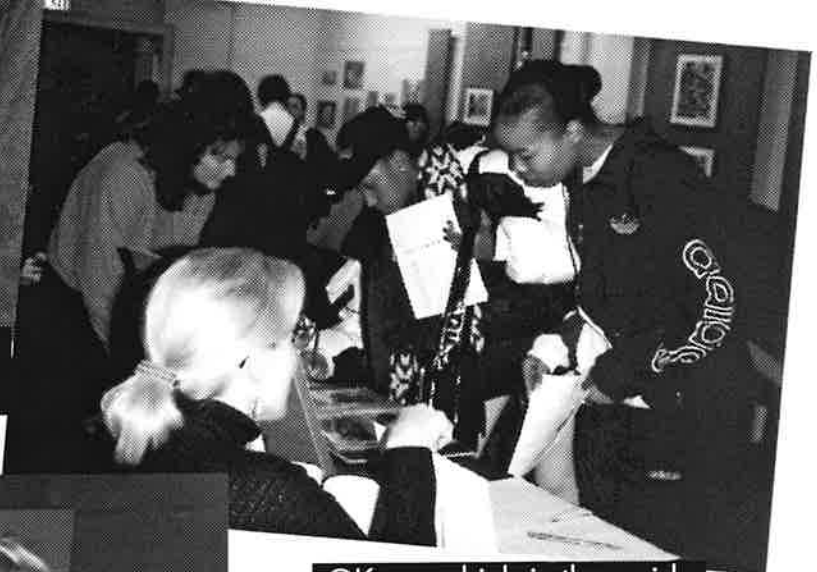
I can play my armpit, too.



Mrs. Cinquemani, Ms. Minghi and Pam Jordan hang out.



Tara Bryant takes a moment to smile at the camera.

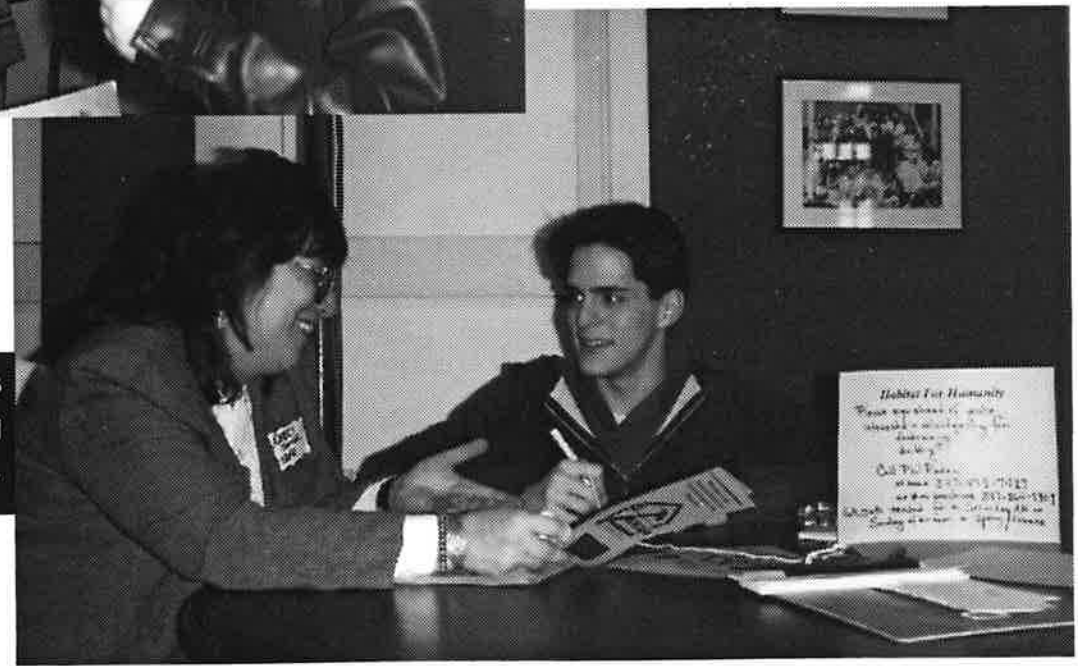


OK, so which is the paid internship?



Ashley Bowers checks her options.

Peter Swimm's mom helps Colin Ennis with making the right choice.



FRESHMEN



Mike Albanese
Theatre



Derek Asuan-O'Brien
Visual Arts



Stephanie Baez
Musical Theatre



Robert Benirschke
Dance



Naland Best
Theatre



Joe Binder
Theatre



Elana Brooks
Theatre



Aaron Cotton
Writing Communications



Michelle Dalessandro
Dance



Ben Hartman
Visual Arts



Rory Jobst
Theatre



Amanda Landis
Visual Arts

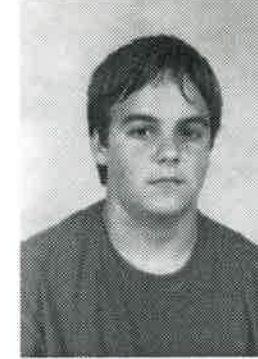
FRESHMEN



Angela Lopez
Dance



Brandice Manuel
Dance



Marcus Marinelli
Music



Gavin McKay
Visual Arts



Anna Medakovich
Theatre



Jessica Owens
Theatre



Michael Smith
Dance



Stephanie Sylvester
Musical Theatre



Tiffany Trezzo
Theatre



Zachary Winitz
Theatre



Spencer Zahn
Visual Arts

Not pictured:

- David Aponte**, Visual Arts
- Laura Brent**, Music
- Kathy Georgoulis**, Visual Arts
- Justin Porter**, Writing Communications
- Morr Solomon**, Visual Arts

SPECIAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN A DEPARTMENT

Dance

Craig Hall..... Department Award
 Kate Hintz..... Achievements
 Colleen Leonardi Scholarship
 Rebecca Levin..... Recognition

Visual Arts

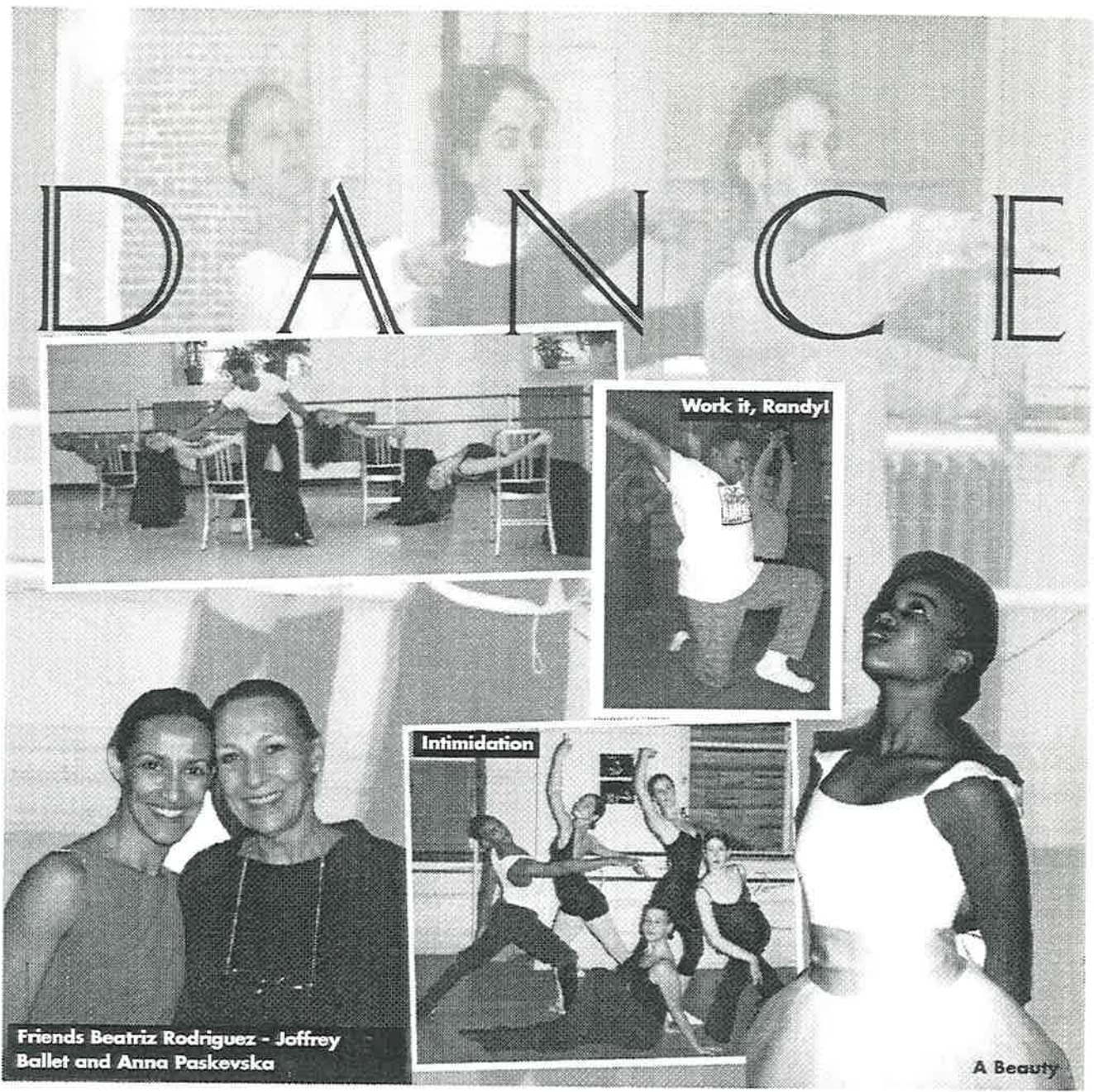
Tom Smith..... Work Contributing Most
 to the Excellence of the Show
 Amanda Landis..... Work by a New Student Contributing Most
 to the Excellence of the Show
 Jessica Baran..... Award of Excellence
 Julie Matheis..... Award of Excellence
 Forrest Solis..... Award of Excellence
 Jessica Baran..... State of Illinois Scholar
 Amanda Franck..... National Commended Merit Scholar
 Four Year Students..... Deborah Bobb, John Mason, Paul Robare

Writing Communication Arts

James Flanagan..... First Place Prose
 Leah Borromeo..... Second Place poetry/published
 Tanya Boutin & Ariel Krivo..... Third Place Poetry
 Kente Johnson..... Honorable Mention
 Peter Swimm..... Overall Excellence for the Variety Show
 Sam Reed..... Best Variety Show Speech
 Leah Borromeo..... Senior Appreciation Award
 Leah Borromeo & Tanya Boutin..... Most Dedicated

ARTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS



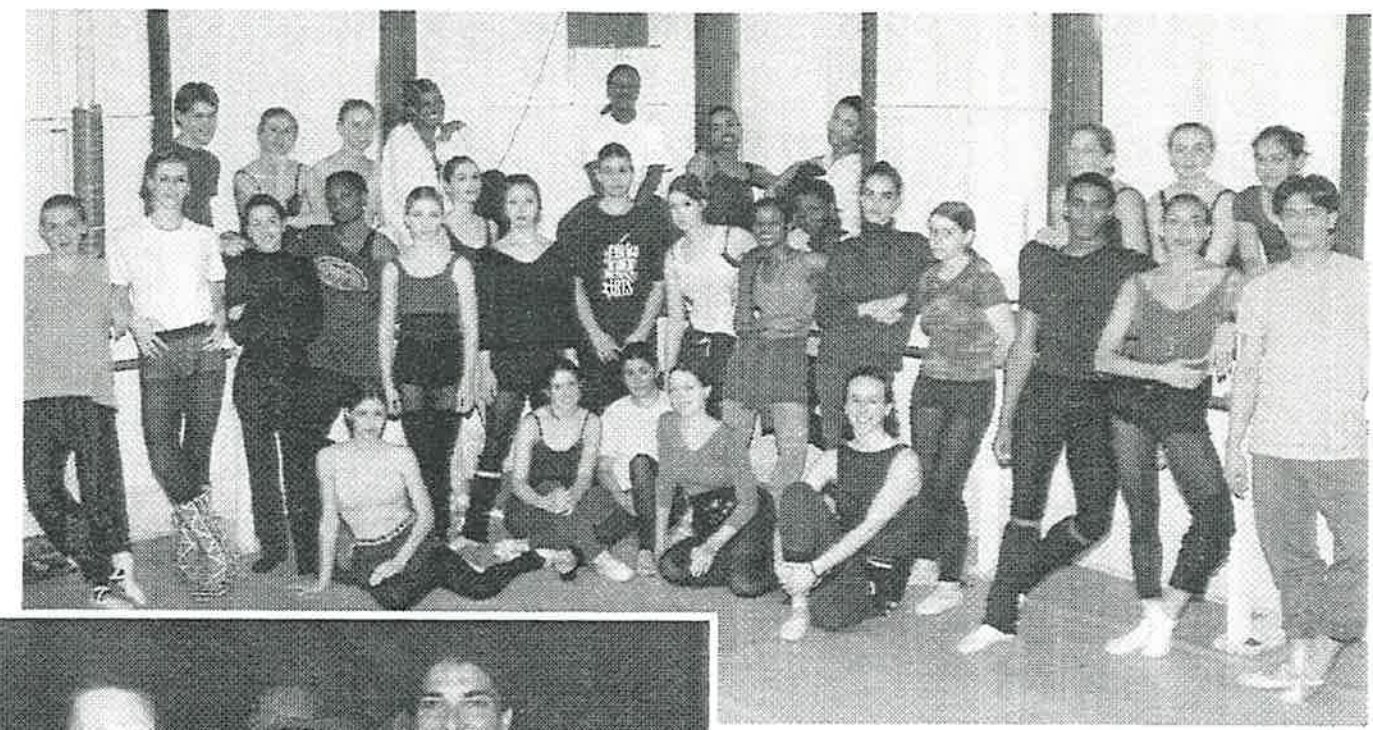


Friends Beatriz Rodriguez - Joffrey Ballet and Anna Paskevka



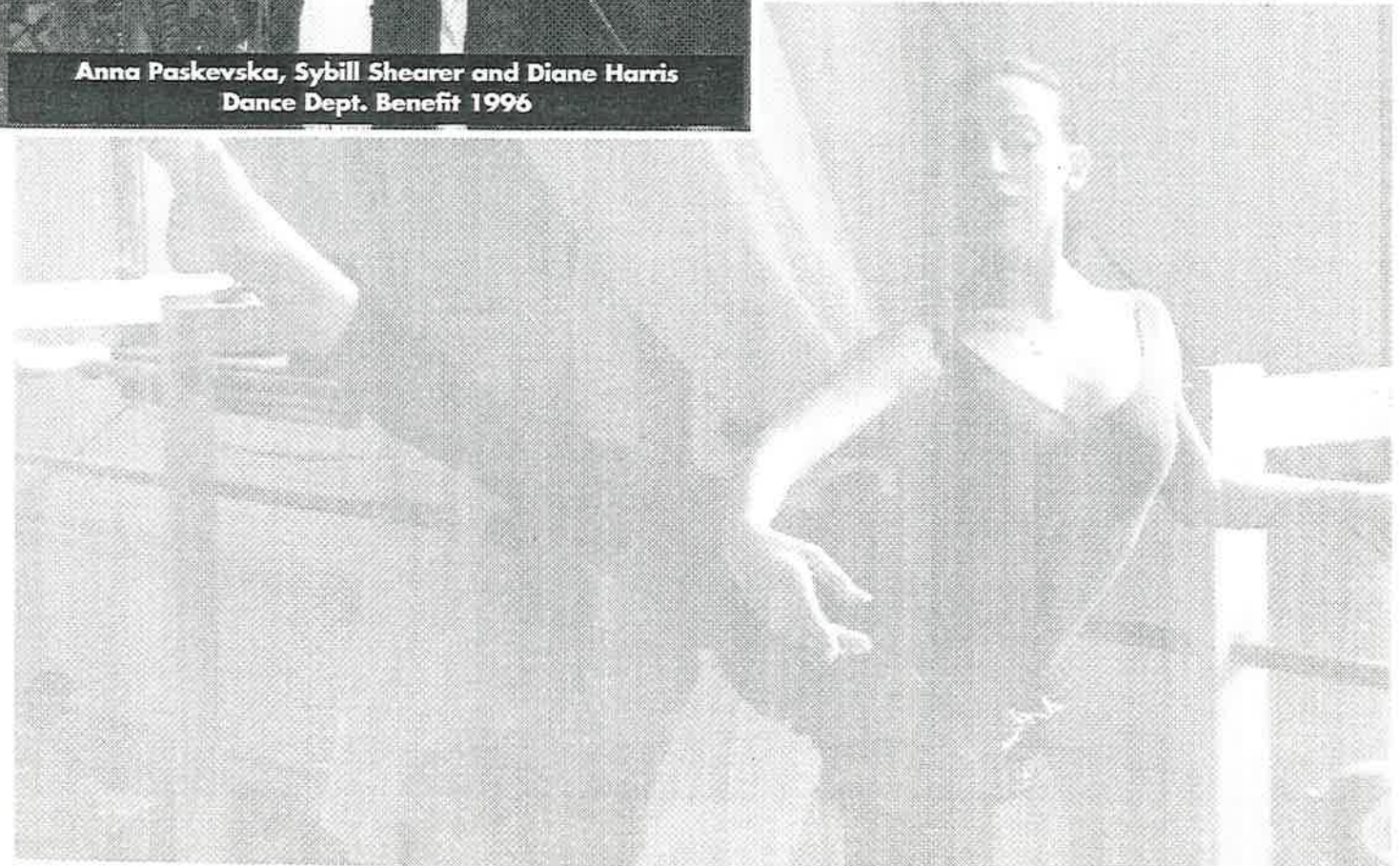
A Beauty

"WE CAME WITH DEVOTION AND DESIRE - WE HAVE GROWN STRONG THROUGH FRUSTRATION, DETERMINATION, REVELATION AND IMPROVEMENT. THIS VISION, COLLECTIVELY, IS THE DANCE DEPARTMENT OF 1997."
 - THE STUDENTS



Anna Paskevka, Sybill Shearer and Diane Harris
 Dance Dept. Benefit 1996

DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS -
 "OUR HEARTS AND HOPES GO WITH YOU."
 - MRS. PASKEVSKA



DALEY CENTER:
PERFORMING
ARTS SERIES



Silhouetted Beauty
in Motion



Smiley — Perfect Form.



The Dance students stand tall.



"Why didn't you tell me you
were going to wear that?"

Rose Gaudio: Mafia Princess



One glass of wine - five ladies.

DANCE CONCERT



Rehearsal For The Faculty C. Dance Concert



"Don't worry, you'll grow into it."



Greeley School, Winnetka

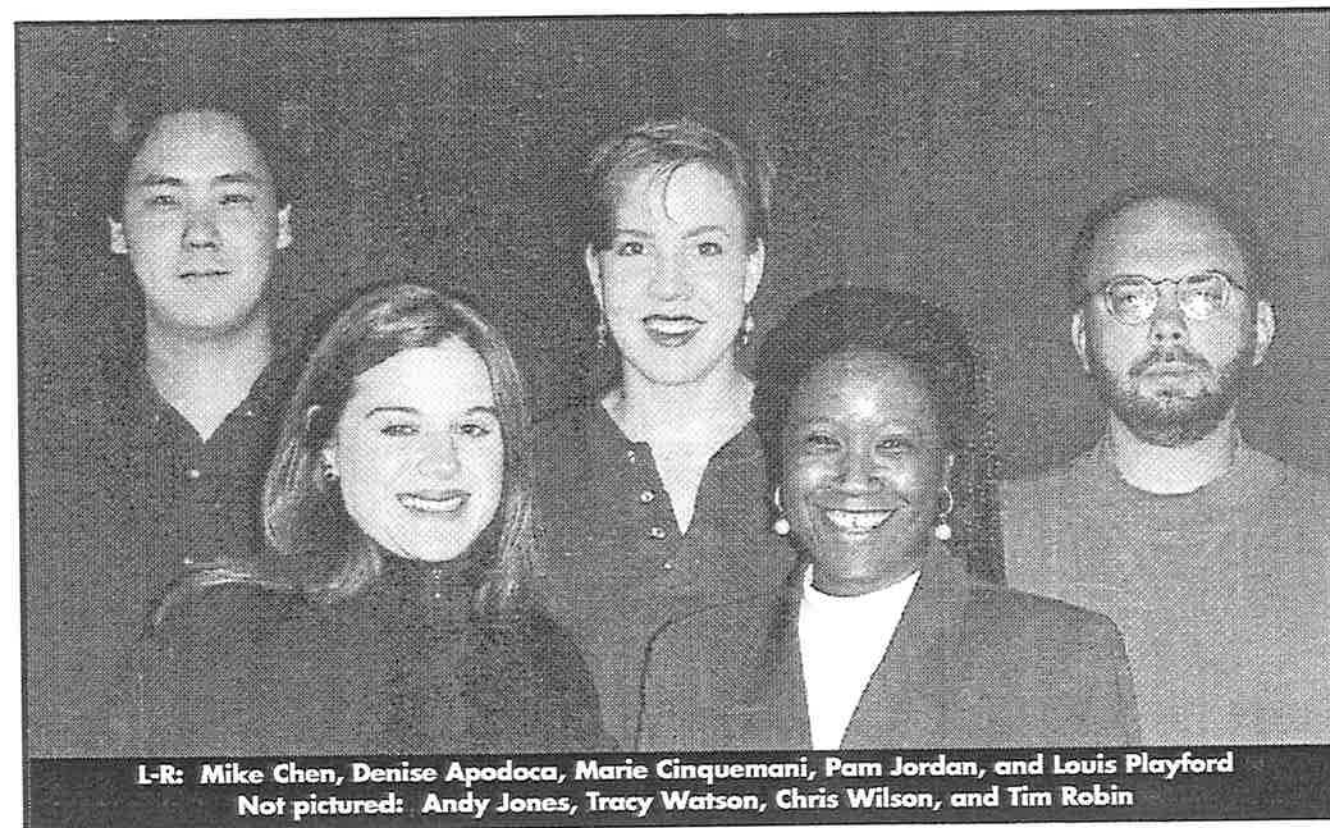


Craig Hall gets a lift from his friends.



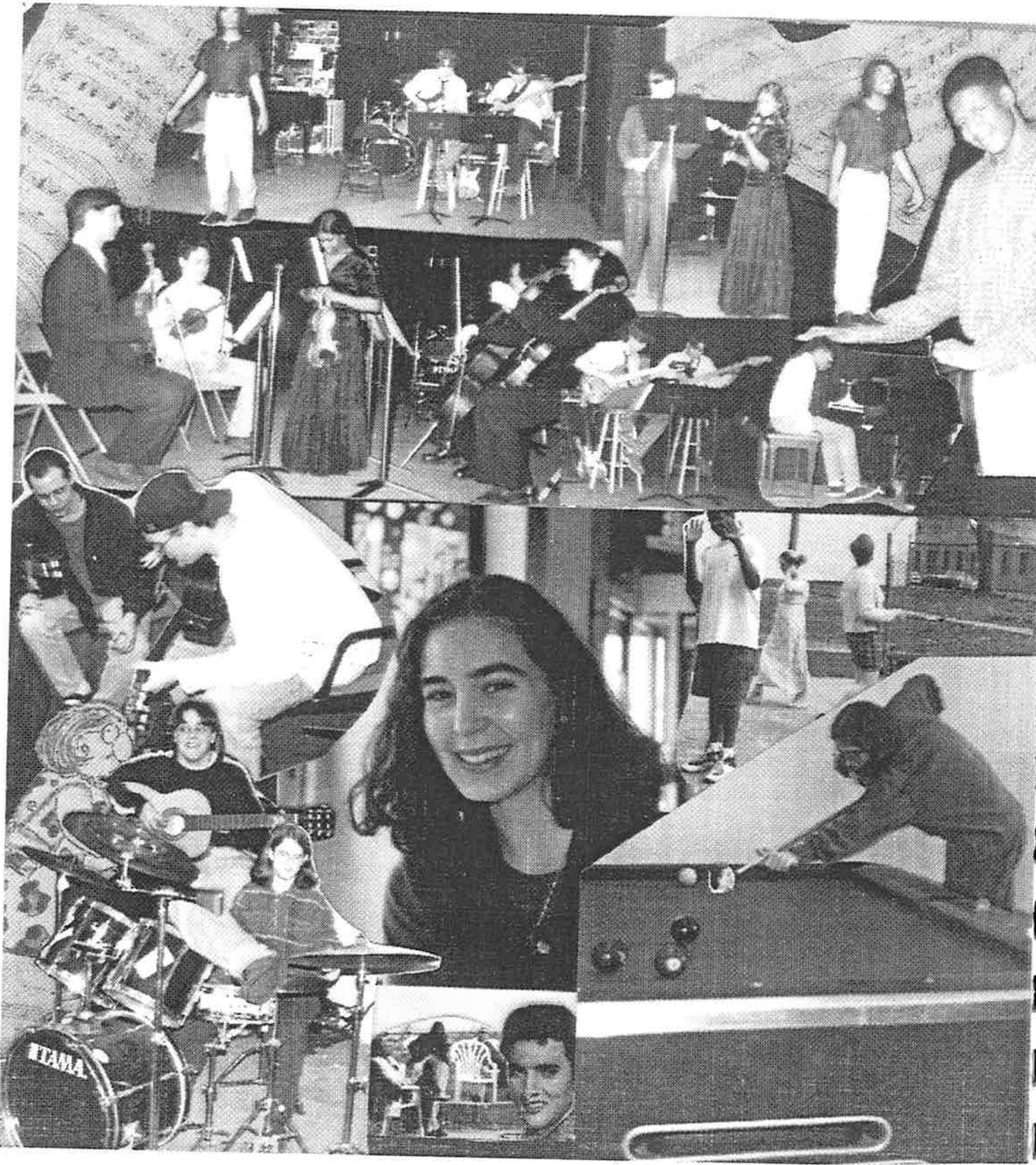
Music Department

DEPARTMENT QUOTE -
"FAB-U-LOS!"

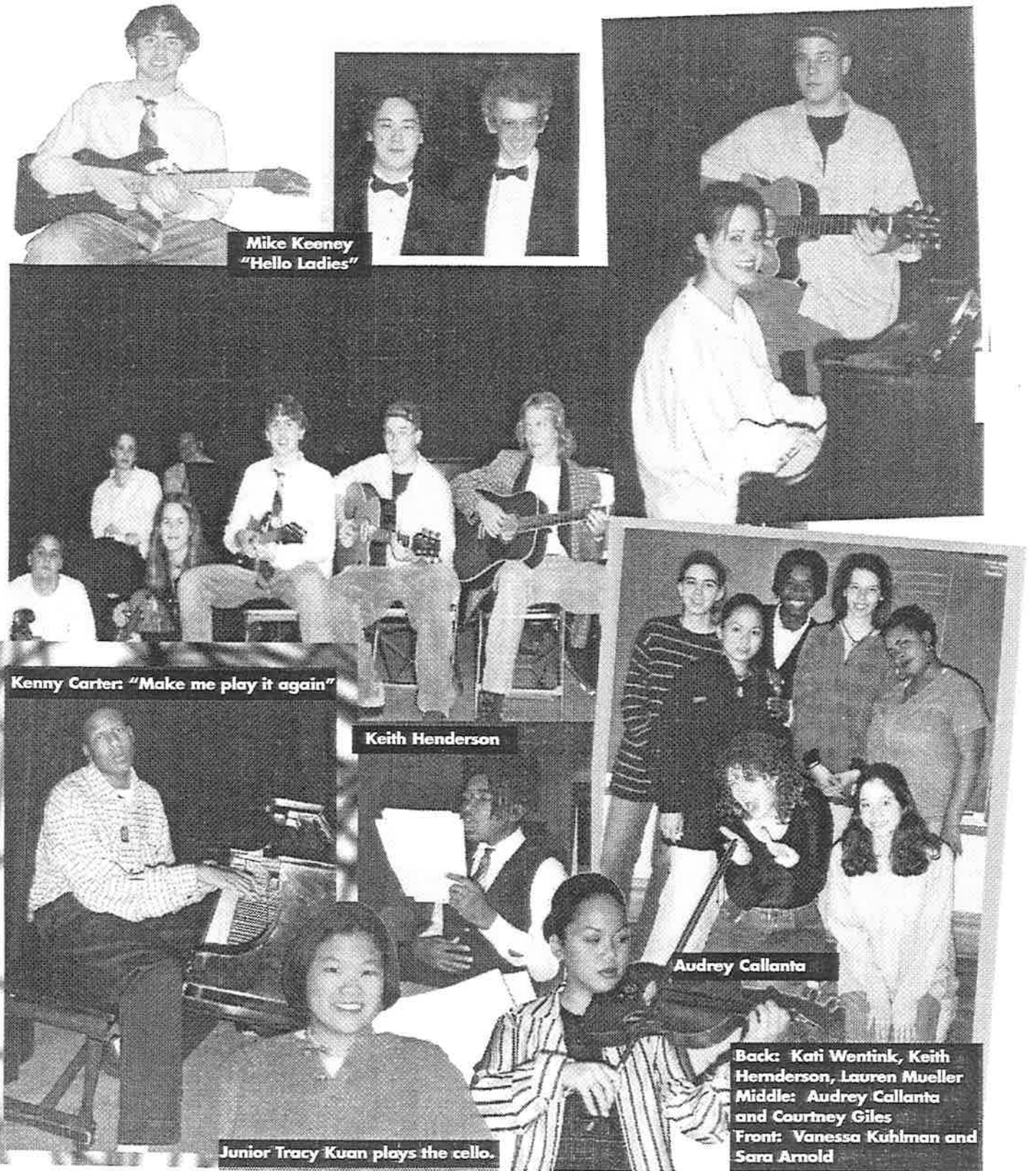


DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS -
"HERE'S WHAT, 'PLAY SOMETHING YOU KNOW!"
- MRS. CINQUEMANI

Music Department



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VISITING PERFORMING
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1996/1997

EARMA THOMPSON
CONCERT



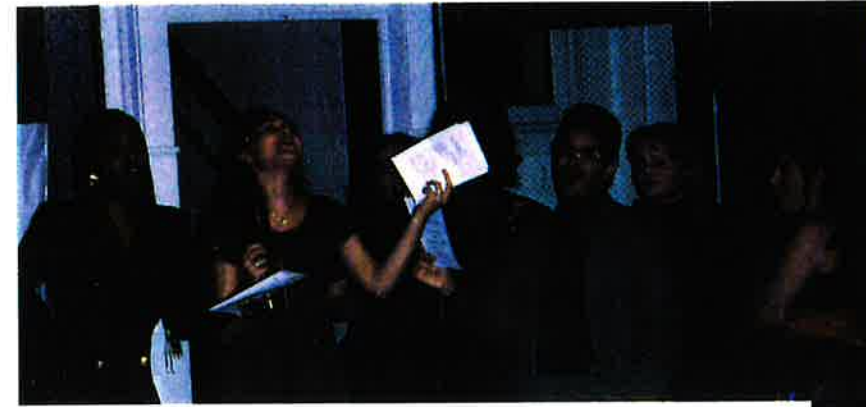
Earma Thompson,
Jazz Pianist, and Friends



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TASTE AND SOUNDS
OF ITALY

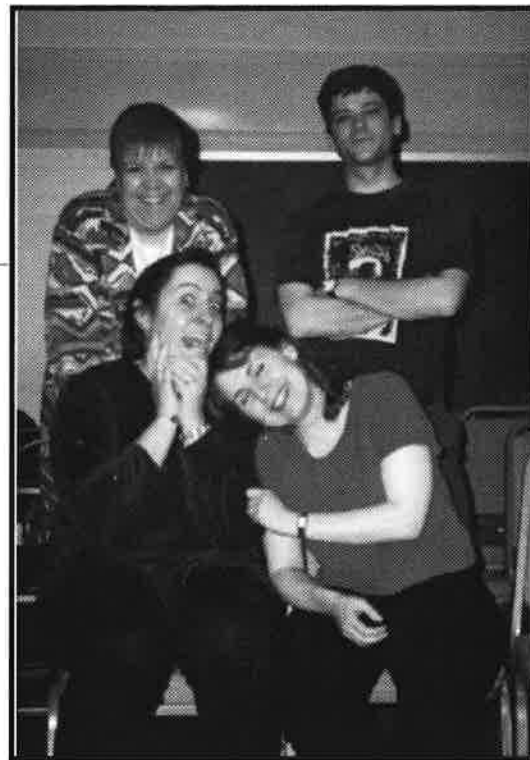


THEATRE

Department Quote -

"If this were played upon the stage now, I could condemn it as an improbable fiction."

- Fabian, Twelfth Night, Shakespeare



Dedication to the Students :

"Our primary goal is to build a community that empowers our students so that they may develop within themselves the courage to create."

- Mrs. Baber

THEATRE DEPARTMENT



THE CRUCIBLE



PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE



And a toast
to David
Duran.

Hello
Cast

Mike Albanese and
Zak Winitz share a
moment in the play.



THE APPLE TREE

In the Big Green TV designed by Justin Breman, the entire cast & crew.



Gavin Rehfeldt & Colin Ennis in a state of desperation for "Passionella"



The entire cast of The Apple Tree:
2nd Act, The Lady of The Tiger

WHEN ARE YOU COMING BACK, RED RYDER?



Marco lights up the stage with supporting cast.



Joey, in character, sets something straight with other cast members.



RECKLESS



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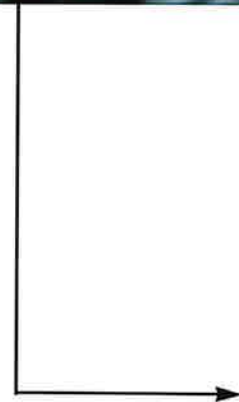


3.

4.



1. "Trust me, you don't want to see this."
2. "What's the matter, Joey?"
3. "Lindsay Jones: Theater teacher extraordinaire."
4. "You're a pathetic loser! Can I bum a smoke?"



Visual Arts Department

DEPARTMENT QUOTE - "NEGATIVE SPACE!"



DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS

THE FACULTY OF THE VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT WISHES TO THANK OUR STUDENTS FOR THE VERY LARGE PART THEY PLAYED IN OUR HAVING A WONDERFUL YEAR. THIS PAST SCHOOL YEAR HAS FELT LIKE A BLESSING TO US, AND WE COMMEND THEM ON THEIR EXCELLENT WORK, VOLUNTEERISM, AND MOST ESPECIALLY, ON THEIR ABILITY AS A GROUP TO BRING LAUGHTER AND JOY TO ALL OF US. WE ARE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF OUR FOURTEEN GRADUATING SENIORS WHO, AMONG THEM, ACCRUED OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. WE APPLAUD THEM, NOT ONLY FOR THEIR FINE WORK, BUT FOR THE QUALITY OF THEIR CHARACTERS. MAY THE FUTURE BRING THEM ALL THE GOODNESS THAT THEY DESERVE."

- MRS. ADDUCI



Mr. Rapert:
He is style



Rapert and Smalls try
to piece together last
night's memories.

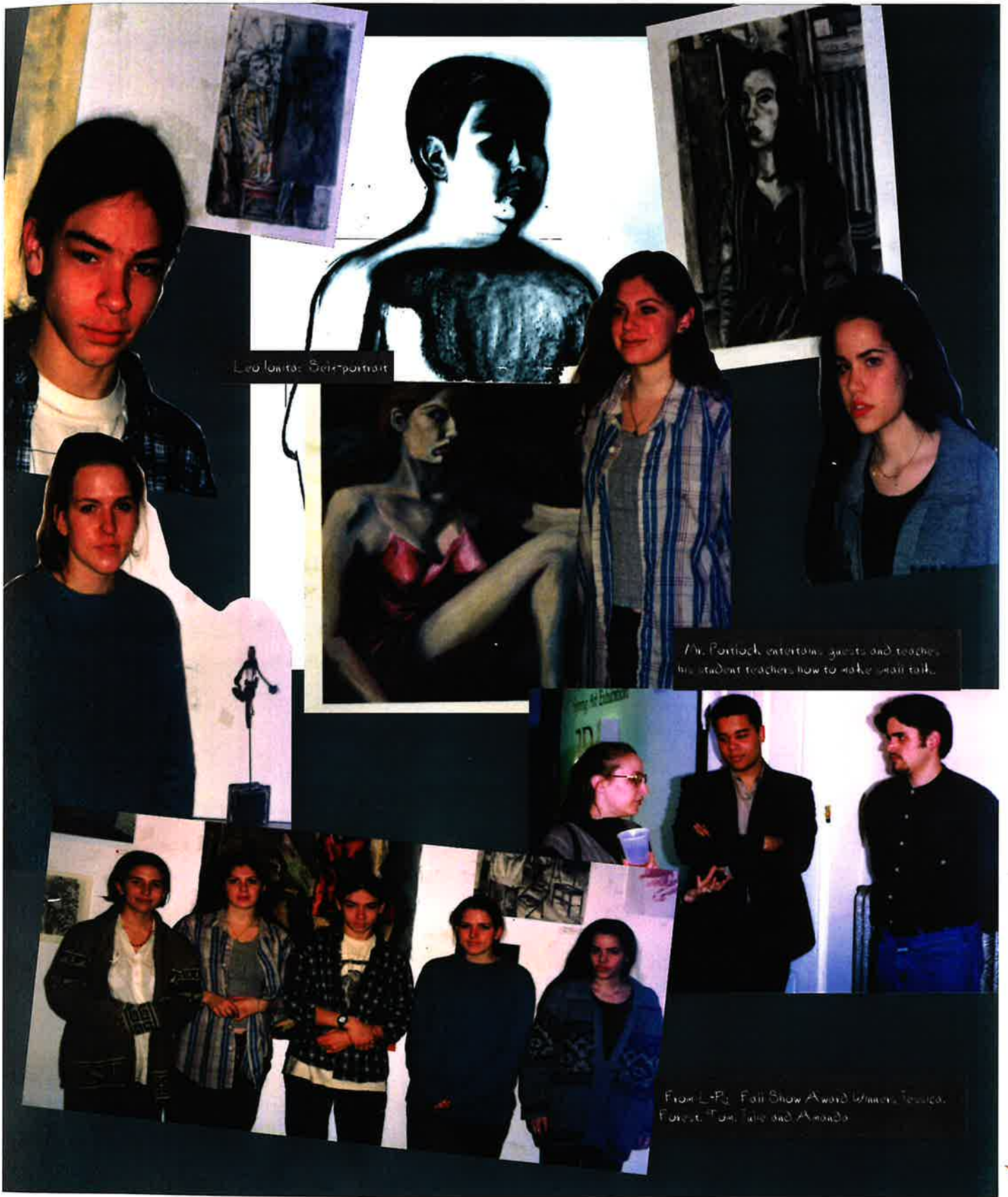


Now that's art!



David Smalls:
"Either I don't get it, or
I'm constipated."

Visual Arts



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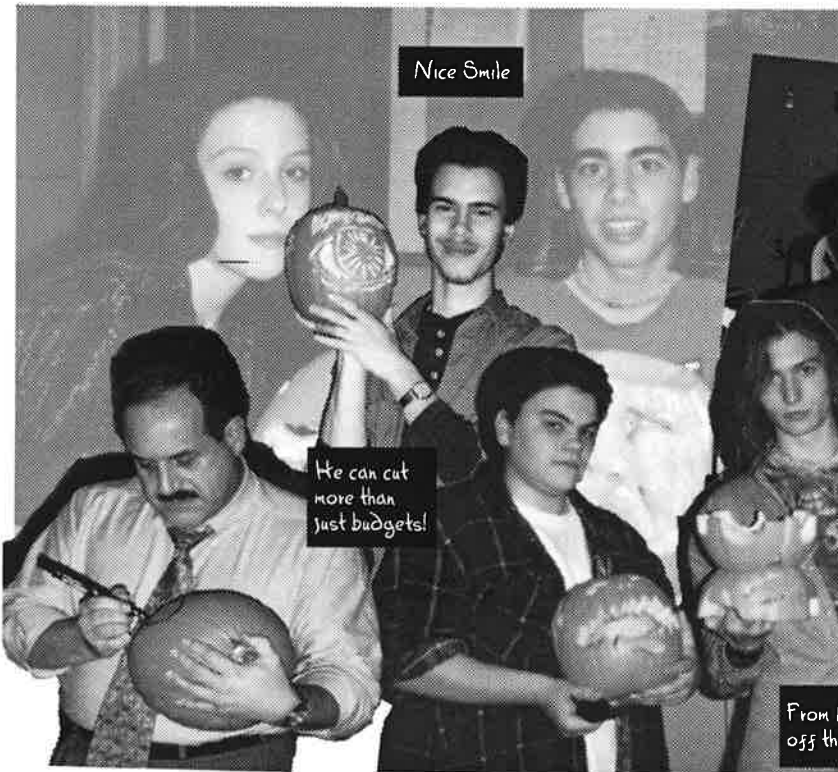
Lindsay Swan - perfects her work



The Art Dept. on a clean day



Mrs. Adduci relaxes with Rachel



Nice Smile

He can cut more than just budgets!

See what happens when you give visual artists knives!

From L-R: Spencer Zahn, Paul Robare, and Tijiana Antonic show off their creations.

WRITING COMMUNICATION ARTS



DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS-

"THIS PLACE"

I HAVE SEEN THIS PLACE BEFORE
AND PACED ITS DISMAL CORRIDORS;
AFTER YEARS OF USELESS THERAPY,
THAT BREEDS OF A BLEAK FAMILIARITY,
I HAVE LEARNED FROM PEOPLE'S WORDS;
OF THEIR MISFORTUNES I HAVE HEARD.
WITH FRIENDLY STRANGERS I HAVE SPOKEN
WHOSE HEARTS HAD NOT YET QUITE BEEN BROKEN
IN LOVE MY PASSION WAS AGLOW
SHE LEFT ME HERE SOME TIME AGO.
THE START AGAIN I WON'T EXPLORE.
HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLACE BEFORE

- MR. FARMANS

Department Quote -

"All right, everyone,
this is called a red
herring"

- Mr. Gagliano



CURRENT EVENTS



President Bill Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore maintained a strong and consistent lead in the polls during their campaign for four more years in the White House. William Jefferson Clinton began his second term in January of 1997 as the 42nd President of the United States of America. He placed his left hand on a family bible held by his wife, Hilary, and took the 35-word oath of office administered by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who wished him "Good luck."

Three years ago, Dave Matthews put together a quintet that became one of the biggest draws on the concert circuit. The Dave Matthews Band gained universal appeal as it brought funk into the mainstream with non-traditional instruments such as the violin and sax.



DAVE MATTHEWS BAND



Bob Dole and Jack Kemp were the GOP's ticket in the presidential campaign. Bob Dole retired after 35 years of distinguished service in Congress to devote 100% of his time and energy to running for President. Jack Kemp, a popular Republican, was a former cabinet member noted for his focus on responsible spending and tax reform ideas. Their platform of a 15% tax cut and budget reform could not diminish the incumbent's popularity.

Hong Kong was a British colony on the brink of great change in 1997. Great Britain's lease on Hong Kong was set to expire on July 1, 1997 and the Chinese were poised to claim the island. After 100 years of British rule marked by tremendous economic and social progress, British administration and jurisdiction over Hong Kong will end. Despite some apprehensions brought about by China's economic policies and human rights abuses, Hong Kong will become a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

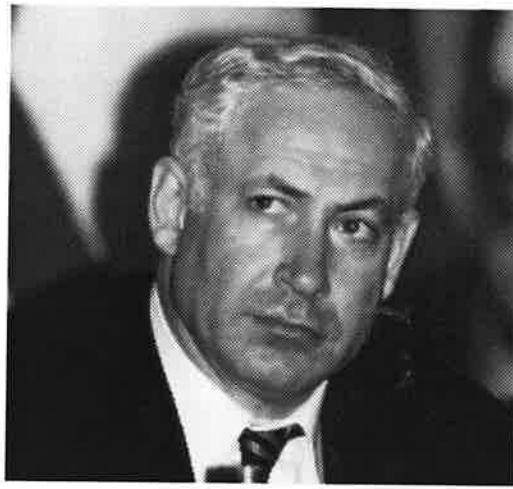


Shannon Lucid is a new record holder. The 53-year-old shuttle astronaut veteran set the women's record for consecutive days in orbit-188-beating Russian cosmonaut Elena Kondakova. She also amassed 223 days in orbit since 1995, making her America's most experienced astronaut.

The seven members of the United States women's gymnastic team won the unlikeliest of Olympic gold medals in the unlikeliest of fashions in Atlanta. Team member Kerri Strug made the clinching vault on a bad ankle and became an Olympic heroine the instant she landed. Her coach, Bela Karolyi, carried her to the stand to be awarded the medal.



KERRI STRUG WITH COACH BELA KAROLYI

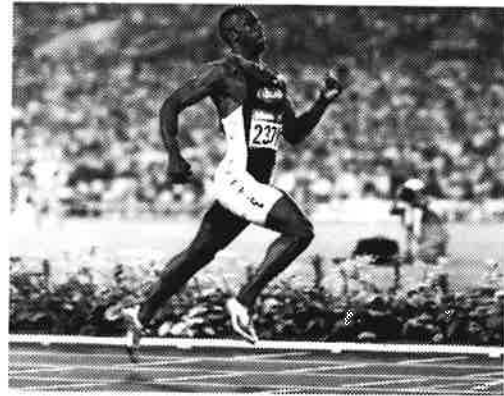


Benjamin Netanyahu, the 47-year-old leader of the Likud political party, was elected Prime Minister of Israel. He declared that his government would honor the existing agreements on peace and security issues and would continue to negotiate toward a final peace agreement in the Middle East.

The fledgling singer-songwriter, Jewel, is a smashing success with a platinum debut album of bittersweet folk songs. "Pieces of You" spotlights her crystalline voice and acoustic guitar.



Other notable talents also made music news. Alanis Morissette's debut album, "Jagged Little Pill," attracted considerable attention thanks to the hit single "You Oughta Know," a fiery, graphic rant at a former boyfriend.



MICHAEL JOHNSON
1996 OLYMPIC GAMES

Olympic gold medal winner Michael Johnson has what track coaches call speed endurance—the ability to carry top speed. He proved he had endurance-plus. Johnson won an unprecedented double win in the summer Olympics in Atlanta. The speedster won the 200 and 400 meter races for the United States



A deadly explosion disrupted the Olympic Games, almost overshadowing the excitement provided by the world's best athletes. Despite thorough security and planning by the city, a pipe-bomb packed with nails exploded in a crowded Centennial Olympic Park. One person died instantly and another died of a heart attack. More than 700 people were injured and, as the school year opened, nobody had yet been charged with the crime.



Months after TWA Flight 800 exploded in midair in the summer of 1996, investigators were still not sure about the cause. The Boeing 747 jumbo jet plunged into the Atlantic ocean off the coast of Long Island, New York, just after taking off from Kennedy Airport for Paris, France. All 230 people on board were killed. The theories range from mechanical failure to a bomb to an exploding fuel tank. The Internet helped to popularize a theory that a missile from an American naval vessel on training orders in the Atlantic was the cause of the crash.

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